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SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

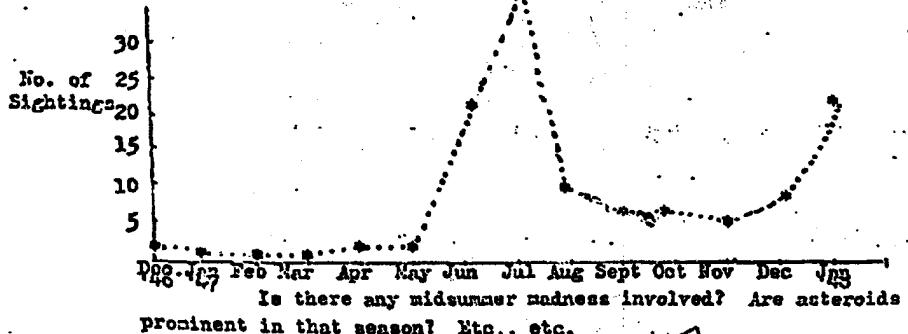
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1. A rapid perusal of your documents leaves one confused and inclined to supineness.

2. The following considerations seem not to have been included in the survey:

- No suggestion is noted that there is a possibility that many of the objects may be "free" meteorological sounding balloons.
- If a tame "flying saucer" is to be involved, it is extremely unlikely that they be found over the U. S. because:
 - U.S. developments would be closely coordinated with USAF or commercial designers.
 - Foreign aircraft development would hardly be tested at such a range from home areas, even if fuel could be supplied.
 - Guided aircraft at a range of several thousand miles are beyond any known capabilities, including ours.
- What is the psychological probability that any object seen briefly against "zero" background will be circular, or oval, in appearance?
- Has any one commented on the curious time distribution of the observations? Note chart below:



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